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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-16, 22-30, 34-38; and
- II. Claims 17-21, and 31-33.

During a telephone conference with the Examiner on May 2, 2003, Applicant and the Examiner discussed the grouping of the claims. At that time, Applicant understood that Claim 32 should be included in Group I. Applicant respectfully traverses the grouping stated above and requests Claim 32 be moved to Group I. By the above-amendments, Applicant has cancelled Claims 17-21, 31, and 33, without disclaimer or prejudice.

Furthermore, in the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Applicant was required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species:

- A. The species illustrated by your specification on page 2, lines 11-page 3, line 4.
- B. The species illustrated by your specification on page 3, lines 5-13.
- C. The species illustrated by your specification on page 3, lines 14-18.
- D. The species illustrated by your specification on page 3, lines 19-22.
- E. The species illustrated by your specification on page 2, lines 23-27.


In response, Applicant elects Group A. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-16, 22-30, 32, and 34-38 are drawn to the elected group.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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